

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An interactive tool for configuring a portal, comprising:
a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;
a second user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for at least one portal resource; and
wherein the portal can include at least one of the following portal resources: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.
2. The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:
at least one user interface operable to define and/or manage one of: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a theme, a menu, a look and feel, and a layout.
3. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
a desktop can be defined based on a template.
4. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
a desktop is a user-specific view of a portal.
5. The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:
a third user interface operable to define and/or manage a desktop; and
wherein the third user interface can render a preview of the desktop.
6. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
the portal can be depicted graphically as a hierarchy of the at least one portal resources.
7. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
the first user interface includes a context-sensitive editor.
8. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
the first user interface includes a hierarchy browser.

9. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the
at least one resources.

10. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
an entitlement is based on a user role.

11. The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:
a third user interface operable to define and/or manage content; and
wherein content is part of a virtual content repository (VCR).

12. The interactive tool of claim 11 wherein:
the third user interface allows a user to modify the VCR by dragging and
dropping graphical objects representing VCR nodes.

13. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
a portlet can dynamically present content.

14. The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:
a fourth user interface operable to define and/or manage personalization of the
portal.

15. The interactive tool of claim 14 wherein:
the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content
placeholder.

16. The interactive tool of claim 14 wherein:
the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content selector.

17. The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:
a fifth user interface operable to define and/or manage delegated administration.

18. An interactive tool for configuring a portal, comprising:
a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;
a second user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for at least one portal resource;

wherein the portal can include at least one of the following portal resources: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a theme, a menu, a look and feel, and a layout;
and

wherein an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the at least one resources.

19. The interactive tool of claim 18, further comprising:
at least one user interface operable to define and/or manage one of: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.

20. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
a desktop can be defined based on a template.

21. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
a desktop is a user-specific view of a portal.

22. The interactive tool of claim 18, further comprising:
a third user interface operable to define and/or manage a desktop; and
wherein the third user interface can render a preview of the desktop.

23. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
the portal can be depicted graphically as a hierarchy of the at least one portal resources.

24. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
the first user interface includes a context-sensitive editor.

25. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
the first user interface includes a hierarchy browser.

26. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
an entitlement is based on a user role.
27. The interactive tool of claim 18, further comprising:
a third user interface operable to define and/or manage content; and
wherein content is part of a virtual content repository (VCR).
28. The interactive tool of claim 27 wherein:
the third user interface allows a user to modify the VCR by dragging and
dropping graphical objects representing VCR nodes.
29. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
a portlet can dynamically present content.
30. The interactive tool of claim 18, further comprising:
a fourth user interface operable to define and/or manage personalization of the
portal.
31. The interactive tool of claim 30 wherein:
the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content
placeholder.
32. The interactive tool of claim 30 wherein:
the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content selector.
33. The interactive tool of claim 18, further comprising:
a fifth user interface operable to define and/or manage delegated administration.
34. A method for configuring a portal, comprising:
providing a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;
providing a second user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements
for at least one portal resource; and

wherein the portal can include at least one of the following portal resources: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a theme, a menu, a look and feel, and a layout.

35. The method of claim 34, further comprising:
providing at least one user interface operable to define and/or manage one of: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.

36. The method of claim 34 wherein:
a desktop can be defined based on a template.

37. The method of claim 34 wherein:
a desktop is a user-specific view of a portal.

38. The method of claim 34, further comprising:
providing a third user interface operable to define and/or manage a desktop; and
wherein the third user interface can render a preview of the desktop.

39. The method of claim 34 wherein:
the portal can be depicted graphically as a hierarchy of the at least one portal resources.

40. The method of claim 34 wherein:
the first user interface includes a context-sensitive editor.

41. The method of claim 34 wherein:
the first user interface includes a hierarchy browser.

42. The method of claim 34 wherein:
an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the at least one resources.

43. The method of claim 34 wherein:
an entitlement is based on a user role.

44. The method of claim 34, further comprising:
providing a third user interface operable to define and/or manage content; and
wherein content is part of a virtual content repository (VCR).
45. The method of claim 44 wherein:
the third user interface allows a user to modify the VCR by dragging and
dropping graphical objects representing VCR nodes.
46. The method of claim 34 wherein:
a portlet can dynamically present content.
47. The method of claim 34, further comprising:
providing a fourth user interface operable to define and/or manage
personalization of the portal.
48. The method of claim 47 wherein:
the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content
placeholder.
49. The method of claim 47 wherein:
the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content selector.
50. The method of claim 34, further comprising:
providing a fifth user interface operable to define and/or manage delegated
administration.
51. A machine readable medium having instructions stored thereon that when
executed by a processor cause a system to:
provide a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;
provide a second user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for
at least one portal resource; and

wherein the portal can include at least one of the following portal resources: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a theme, a menu , a look and feel, and a layout.

52. The machine readable medium of claim 51, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

at least one user interface operable to define and/or manage one of: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.

53. The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:
a desktop can be defined based on a template.

54. The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:
a desktop is a user-specific view of a portal.

55. The machine readable medium of claim 51, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

provide a third user interface operable to define and/or manage a desktop; and
wherein the third user interface can render a preview of the desktop.

56. The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:
the portal can be depicted graphically as a hierarchy of the at least one portal resources.

57. The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:
the first user interface includes a context-sensitive editor.

58. The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:
the first user interface includes a hierarchy browser.

59. The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:
an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the at least one resources.

60. The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:
an entitlement is based on a user role.

61. The machine readable medium of claim 51, further comprising
instructions that when executed cause the system to:
provide a third user interface operable to define and/or manage content; and
wherein content is part of a virtual content repository (VCR).

62. The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:
the third user interface allows a user to modify the VCR by dragging and
dropping graphical objects representing VCR nodes.

63. The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:
a portlet can dynamically present content.

64. The machine readable medium of claim 51, further comprising
instructions that when executed cause the system to:
provide a fourth user interface operable to define and/or manage personalization
of the portal.

65. The machine readable medium of claim 64 wherein:
the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content
placeholder.

66. The machine readable medium of claim 64 wherein:
the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content selector.

67. The machine readable medium of claim 51, further comprising
instructions that when executed cause the system to:
provide a fifth user interface operable to define and/or manage delegated
administration.

68. A computer data signal embodied in a transmission medium, comprising:

a code segment including instructions to provide a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;

a code segment including instructions to provide a second user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for at least one portal resource; and

wherein the portal can include at least one of the following portal resources: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.